

NAME: St Andrew's Uniting Church

PLACE NO.: 10232

Address: 26 Elizabeth Street, Mount Gambier

ASSESSMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE:

The first service in this Church was held on 10 December 1871. It replaced a small Presbyterian Kirk which had been built in 1860.

The Gothic revival Church was designed by George Pannell Architect and is constructed of square rock faced pink dolomite with cut limestone dressings by the mason William Webber. The spire was entirely rebuilt in 1885 and partially rebuilt in 1928 to a height of 120 feet. The Bell was imported from Germany in 1880 at a cost £130.

Additions include: organ 1877, bell 1880, gallery 1879, Sunday school 1884. The Umpherston Building in the grounds was built in 1920 and used as a Collegiate School for Girls. It is now used for a toy library and general use hall.

The Reverend Robert Caldwell arrived in 1864 as Minister and retained the ministry until his death in October 1909 (Caldwell Street is named after him). Captain Robert Gardiner (grandfather of Sir Robert Helpman) was a great benefactor of St Andrew's, presenting a very fine pipe organ (only two others in the State are of equal calibre).

St Andrews is a registered place on the Register of the National Estate (ID No: 8773).

Statement of Heritage Value:

Constructed in 1870-71 this was the second Presbyterian Church in Mount Gambier built to replace the first constructed in 1860. It is indicative of the spread of Presbyterianism through the State and the establishment of significant structures and institutions throughout the South East during the 1860s. The Church was designed by the architect George Pannell. This is a major piece of ecclesiastical architecture in the South East of the State as evidenced by the completion of the spire.

Relevant Criteria (Under Section 16 of the Heritage Act 1993):

- (a) *It demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history:* St Andrew's Church is indicative of the spread of Presbyterianism through the South East of the State and the provision of buildings associated with the religious development and spiritual needs of the general population.
- (d) *It is an outstanding representative of a particular class of places of cultural significance:* The Uniting Church is a notable and well preserved example of this type of church building constructed for a specific group of occupants. The quality of architectural design and building construction is indicative of the degree of affluence of the Presbyterian Congregation in the South East during the Edwardian period.
- (f) *It has a special association with the life or work of a person or organisation or an event of historical importance:* The Presbyterian Church in Mount Gambier was strongly supported by the Scottish migrants who settled in the South East, led notably by the Riddoch family. The cultural associations of this national group is significantly represented in the Church and Manse.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that St Andrew's Church at 26 Elizabeth Street, Mount Gambier remain as an entry in the State Heritage Register.

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SITE RECORD:

FORMER NAME: *St Andrew's Presbyterian Church*

DESCRIPTION OF PLACE: *Gothic Revival church building*

DATE OF COMPLETION: *1870-71*

REGISTER STATUS: **Description:** *Confirmed*
Date: *29 June 1989*

CURRENT USE: **Description:** *Church*
Dates: *1870-71 - present*

PREVIOUS USE(S): **Description:**
Dates:

ARCHITECT: **Name:** *George Pannell*
Dates:

BUILDER: **Name:**
Dates:

SUBJECT INDEXING: **Group:** *Religion*
Category: *Church (Christian)*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: **Description:** *City of Mount Gambier*

LOCATION: **Street No.:** *26*
Street Name: *Elizabeth Street*
Town/Suburb: *Mount Gambier*
Post Code: *5290*
Region No.:
Region Name:

LAND DESCRIPTION: **Title Type:** *Certificate*
Volume:
Folio:
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Section: *1101*
Hundred:

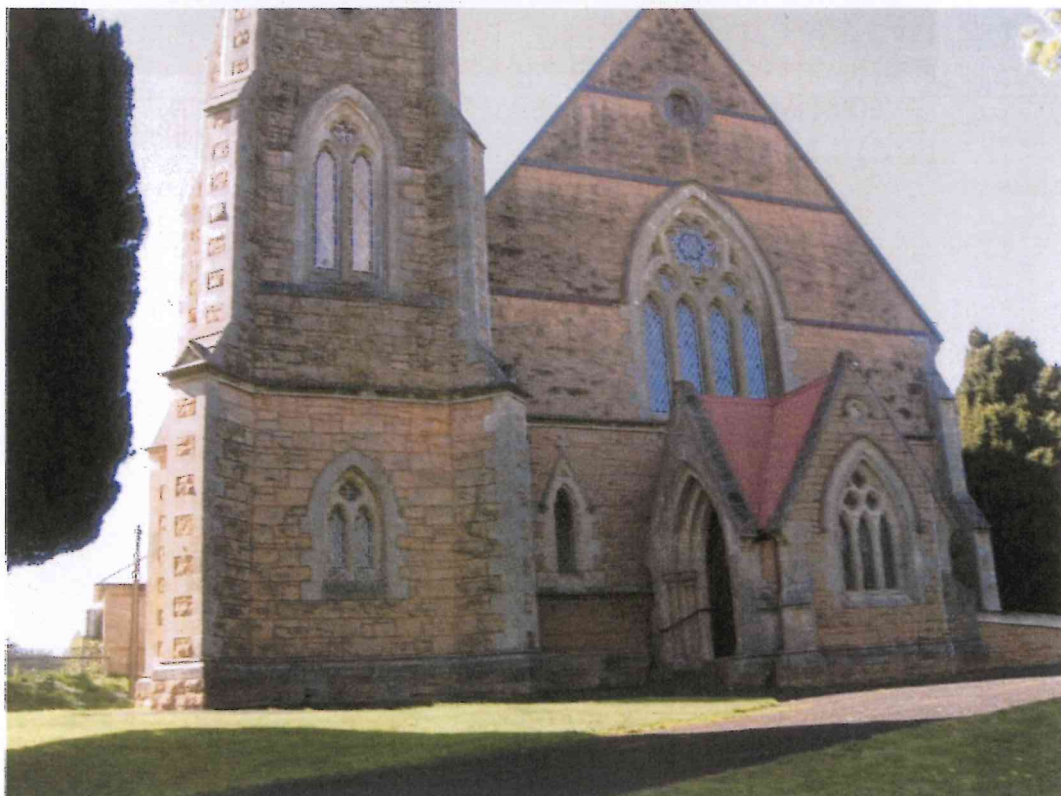
AMG REFERENCE: **Zone:** *54*
Northing: *5813523*
Easting: *480442*
Map Sheet No.: *7022*
Map Scale: *1:100,000*

OWNER *: **Name:** *Uniting Church of Australia
Property Trust SA*
Address:
Town/Suburb:
Post Code:

PHOTOGRAPH: **Film No.:** *Digital*

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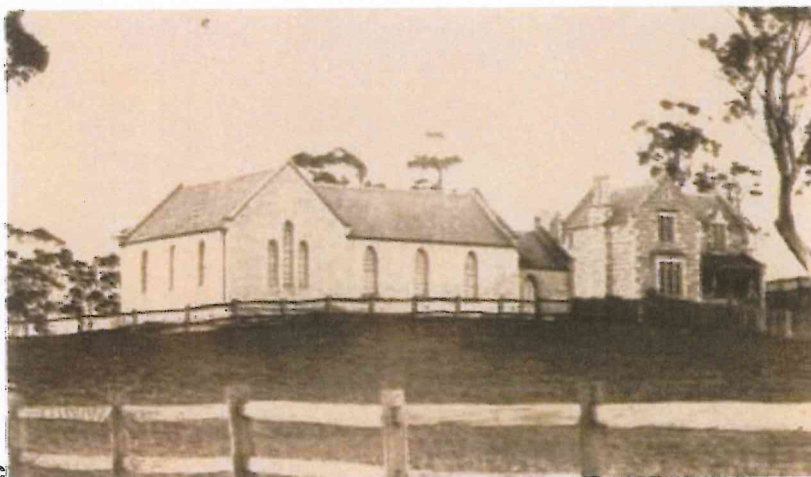
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Views of St Andrew's Uniting Church

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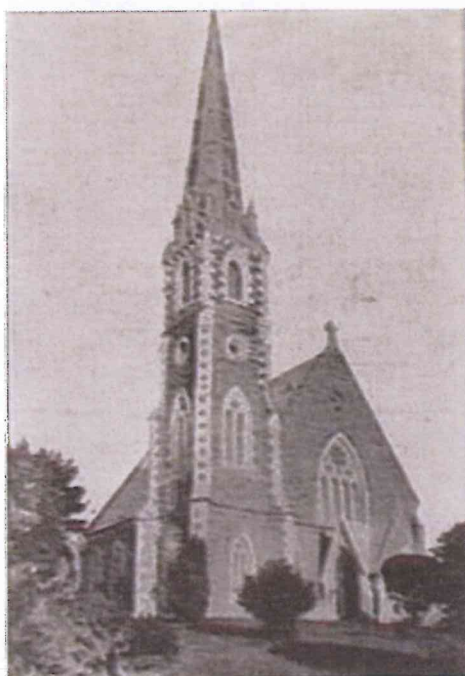
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St Andrew's Presbyterian Church and original Manse, c 1867 (Source: SLSA B3383)

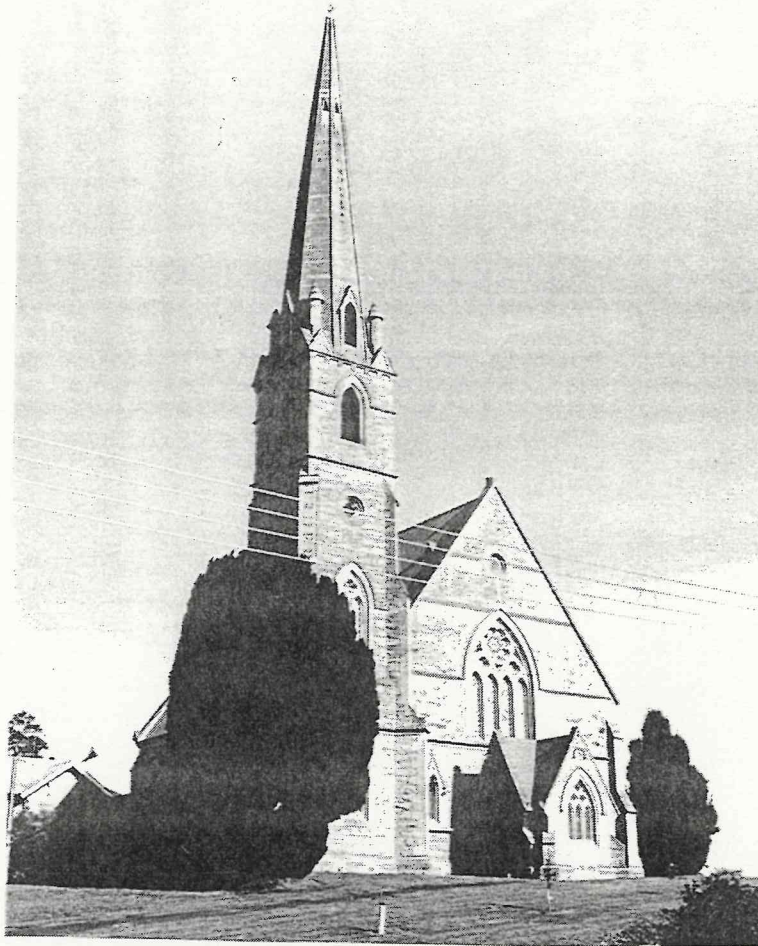


St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, c1875 (Source: SLSA B 13427)



1906 view of St Andrew's Church
(Source: SLSA B 16393/15)

ST ANDREWS UNITING CHURCH
26 ELIZABETH STREET



C.T: Section 1101, Parts Lots 35, 45, 37, 38

HERITAGE LISTINGS: State Heritage Register, Register of the National Estate

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE/RELEVANT CRITERIA (Under Section 16, Heritage Act 1993): Constructed in 1870-71 this was the second Presbyterian Church built to replace the first constructed in 1860. It is indicative of the spread of Presbyterianism through the State and the establishment of significant structures and institutions throughout the south east during the 1860s. The Church was designed by the architect George Pannell.

RECOMMENDATION: Retain in the State Heritage Register.

ASSESSMENT:

Historical - St Andrews Uniting Church was constructed as St Andrews Presbyterian Church, and the first service was conducted in the Church on 10 December 1871. A small Presbyterian Kirk had been built in Mount Gambier in 1860 and this Church replaced this original building, housing a rapidly growing congregation. The Church was designed by George Pannell Architect and constructed from squared rock faced pink dolomite with cut limestone dressings by the mason William Webber. Church members provided the stone and also carted and cut the blocks in preparation for this construction of the building. The spire was entirely rebuilt in 1885 and partially rebuilt in 1928. The Reverend Robert Caldwell arrived in Mount Gambier in 1864 as St Andrews Presbyterian Church minister and retained the ministry until his death in October 1909. Caldwell Street is named after the Reverend Caldwell.

ST ANDREWS UNITING CHURCH
26 ELIZABETH STREET (cont)

Site Record

Religious Building - Church
26 Elizabeth Street
Mount Gambier SA 5290

Location	Elizabeth Street and Caldwell Street, Mount Gambier
Description	Large gable ended limestone Church with attached tower and spire
Boundary	Set in impressive open land, building should retain sufficient curtilage.
Land Description	Section 1101, Parts Lots 35, 45, 37, 38
Local Government	City of Mount Gambier
Owner	Uniting Church of Australia Property Trust SA
Use	Church - houses United Congregation
Condition	Good
Other Assessments	State Heritage Branch Assessment
Heritage Status	State Heritage Register

References

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Mt. Gambier: One Hundred Years of Achievement 1858-1958

L.R. Hill, Mount Gambier: The City Around a Cave (1972)

R.J. Scrimgeour, Some Scots Were Here: A History of the Presbyterian Church in South Australia (1986)

Border Watch 13 December 1871

South Australian
Heritage Act 1978-80:

HERITAGE SURVEY ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

REGION 6 :
SOUTH EAST

Item No. : MIG:017

ITEM NAME: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Former or other names:

LOCATION:

Address: Elizabeth Street,
Mount Gambier

Allotment:

Section :

Hundred : Blanche

County : Grey

L.G.A. : Mount Gambier

S.H.P. Region: 6

A.M.G., Ref. Z: 54 N: 5813400
E: 480350

TYPE OF ITEM:

Description: Church

Subject: 2.05

Period: 1860-1880

Date: 1870-71 Condition: Well Kept

Architect:

Builder:

STATUS State Heritage List: Nominated
National Estate : Listed
National Trust : Classified

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

RECOMMENDATION: State

Description:

Spired Gothic Revival. Squared rock-faced pink dolomite with cut limestone dressings and windows surrounds. Moulded pointed arch entrance doors to gabled porch, buttresses between paired leaded pointed arch windows. Slender spired tower.

Presbyterianism officially began in the South East in 1858. Mount Gambier's first church was built in 1861. Within a decade a rapidly growing congregation necessitated a new church, for which members 'donated, carted and cut' the stone (L. Hill). For nearly 40 years this building saw the ministry of the noted Rev. R.A. Caldwell. The spire was entirely rebuilt in 1885, and partially rebuilt in 1928.

Report Text:

REFERENCES: L. Hill, "Mount Gambier, the City around a Cave"
pp. 33, 258-260

Verbal: Les Hill

PHOTOGRAPHS:

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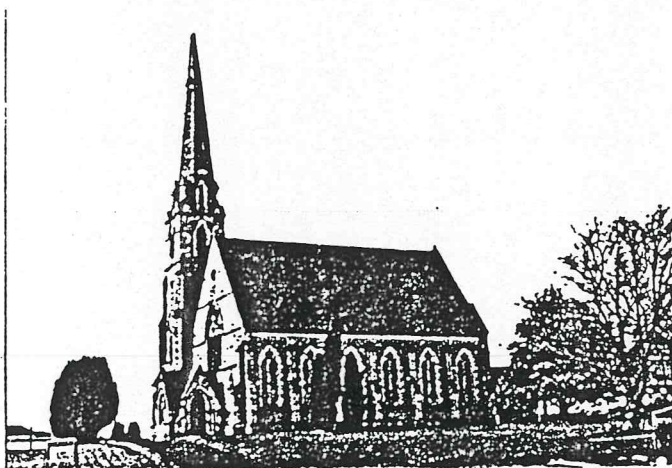
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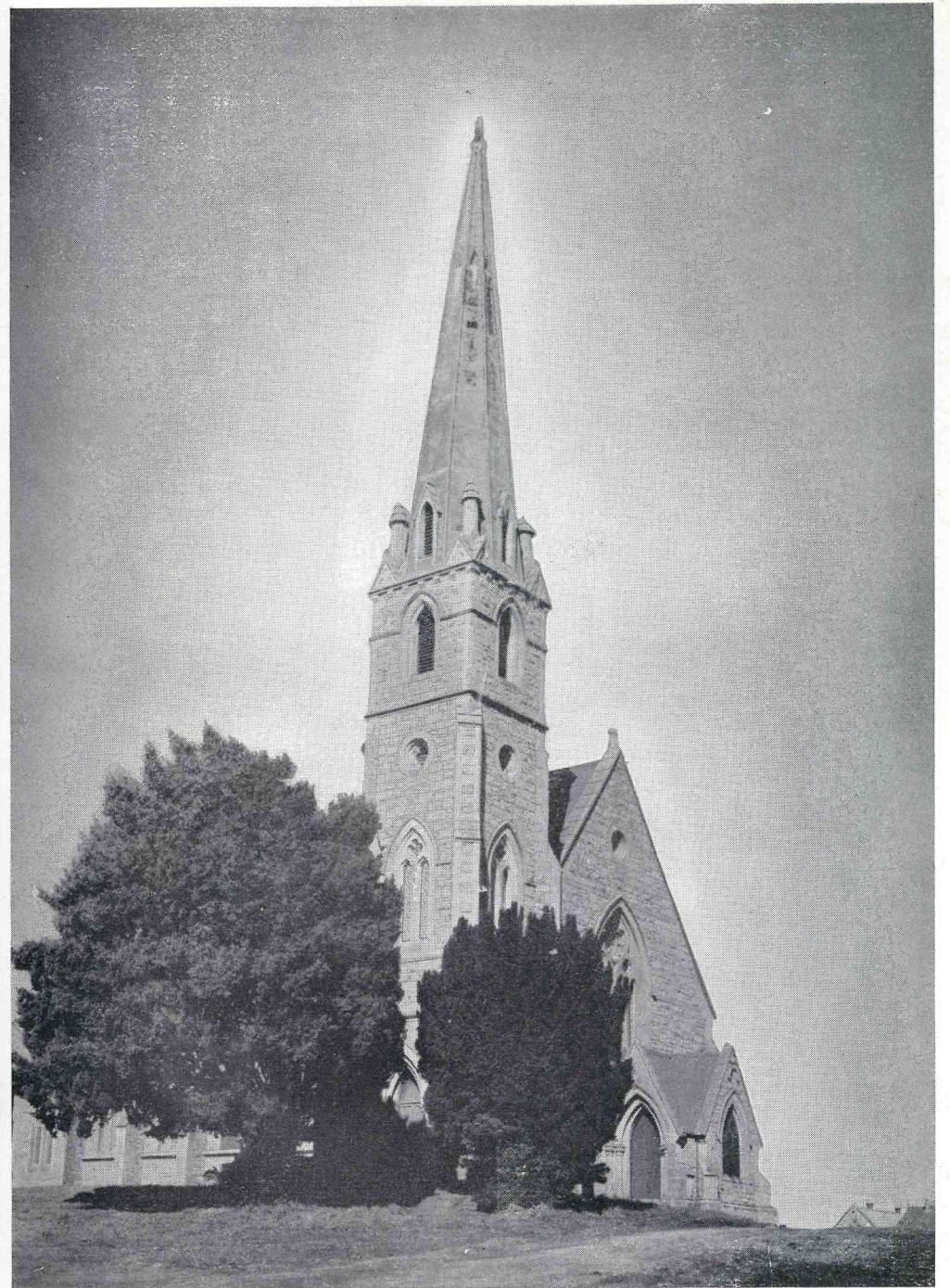
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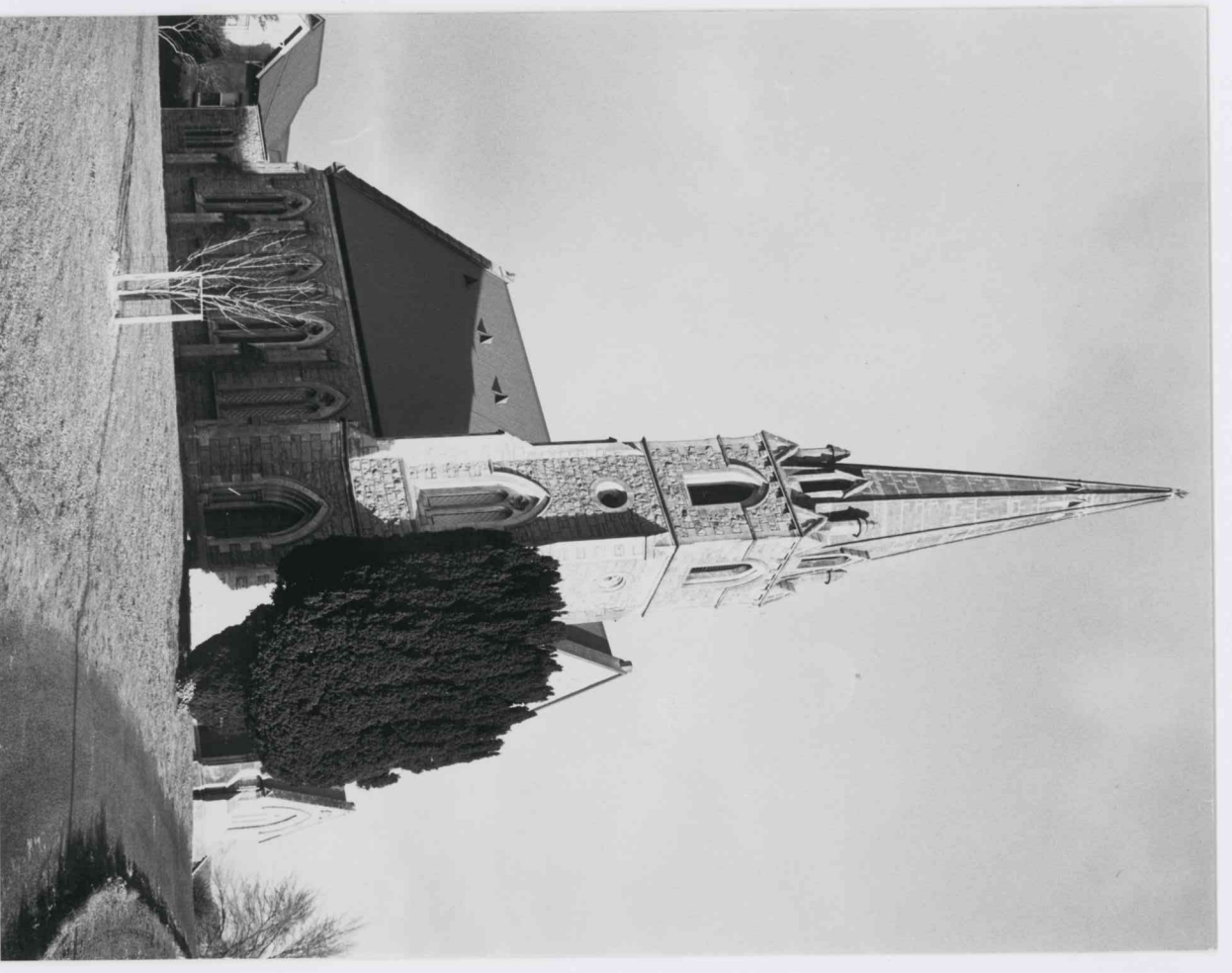




ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH TODAY



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